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Revival of anti-subversion law called 'throwback to martial law'

ANGER AND OUTRAGE MET President Macapagal-Arroyo's announcement on Thursday that she was prepared to back the planned revival of the long-dead Anti-Subversion Law to subdue the communist insurgency.

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EIGHT FILIPINO WOMEN WHO were promised decent and good paying jobs in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah but ended up as sex slaves arrived in Manila Thursday night, eight days after escaping from a prostitution den.

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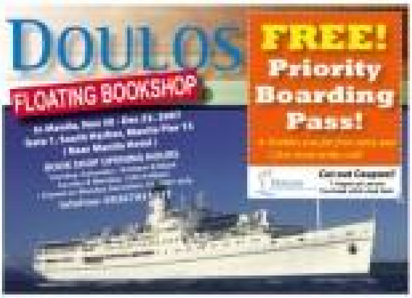
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NEW GRAFT TRIAL

Convicted solon asks SC to restrain Sandigan

By Jocelyn R. Uy

CONVICTED REP. EUFROCINO CODILLA Sr. (Leyte) has asked the Supreme Court to restrain the Sandiganbayan from hearing his graft case while the antigraft has yet to decide on his petition to reverse previous rulings.

Codilla yesterday asked the high court to stop the Sandiganbayan's First Division from proceeding with marathon hearings on his case next month.

The antigraft court has set the trial of the case for Jan. 14 to 16 and the prosecution's presentation of evidence for Jan. 22 to 23. Codilla's lawyers were scheduled to present their evidence on March 10 to 12 and March 24 to 26.

The case involves a graft charge for allegedly issuing a permit to operate a cockpit to his son, Eric, while Codilla was still mayor of Ormoc City in 2000.

Government lawyers claimed that the congressman had a financial interest in granting the business permit to his son.

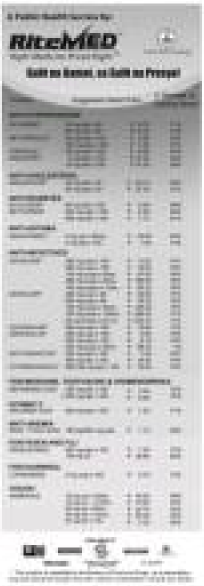
On appeal

Last September, the antigraft court's Fifth Division found Codilla guilty of two counts of graft and sentenced him up to 18 years in prison for issuing a business permit twice to a family-owned company in 1995. The conviction is on appeal.

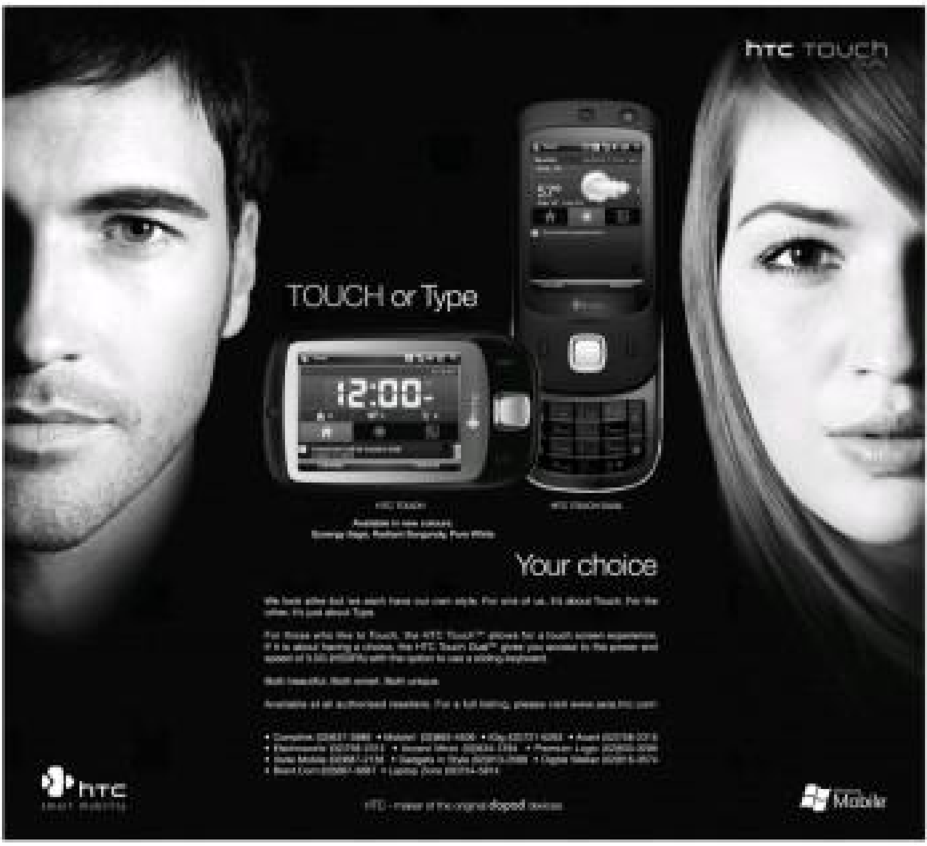
On the 2000 case, Codilla earlier filed a petition asking the Supreme Court to set aside a temporary order that the Sandiganbayan issued against him in October 2006 and reverse a 2-month-old ruling denying his request to remand the graft case to the Office of the Ombudsman.

He argued that the facts and circumstances of the case "fall outside the rationale" of the antigraft law.

"The possibility that [Codilla] would influence witnesses or tamper with or prevent the presentation of evidence is no longer imminent," he argued in his motion.









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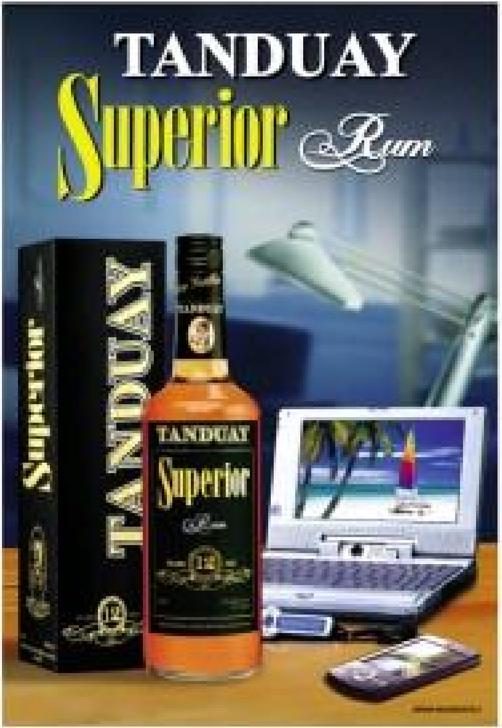
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MILF agrees to unity talks with rival rebs

DAVAO CITY—HOPES WERE RAISED FOR THE UNIFICATION OF two rival Moro guerrilla groups after the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) agreed to start unity talks with the Moro National Liberation Front, a rebel spokesperson said yesterday.

Eid Kabalu, MILF civil-military affairs chief, said the agreement was reached during a meeting in Manila with the eldest son of Libyan President Moammar al-Ghadafi, who flew in on Wednesday.

Libya, a member of the influential 57-member Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), has been pushing for a unified Moro front since the MILF broke away from the MNLF in the 1980s.

No merger

But Kabalu said while the MILF and the MNLF agreed to work together, there was no agreement to merge the two forces into one liberation group.

Kabalu said leaders of the two groups, who met with Saiful Islam al-Ghadafi, also agreed on a timetable to finally bring peace to war-ravaged Mindanao.



GHADAFI

"We agreed to resolve the conflict not beyond September 2008 in accordance with a road map," said Kabalu. He attended the meeting with Ghadafi.

Those who signed the agreement for the MNLF were vice chair Hatimil Hassan, MNLF secretary general Muslimin Sema, Parouk Hussin, [illegible] and [illegible].

For the MILF, the signatories included Kabalu, MILF deputy chair [illegible], Sulu provincial chair [illegible], Basilan committee chair [illegible], and the chairman of the MILF ceasefire committee.

Libyan help

Asked why it appears that only low-key MILF leaders represented the group in the meeting, Kabalu said they acted on behalf of the organization.

"We were authorized by the central committee and the agreement is binding to the MILF," he said.

Kabalu also said the MILF and the MNLF expressed their gratitude to Libya for its continuing support to the peace process.

Libya was instrumental in the 1996 peace deal between the government and the MNLF.

It has also poured millions of dollars in aid, mainly through the Ghadafi Foundation, to impoverished Moro communities in Mindanao.

The MILF is currently talking peace with the government and expects to sign a final peace agreement with the government before the regional elections in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) in August next year.

Recently, government and MILF negotiators agreed on the territorial composition of the Bangsamoro Juridical Entity, a system that will govern the future Moro homeland.

Bigger than ARMM

Although both panels have been trying not to spill the beans on the extent of the territory, a source privy to the talks told the Inquirer that it will be bigger than the ARMM, which was part of the 1996 peace agreement with the MNLF.

The ARMM was reduced to a five-province region when voters rejected Republic Act No. 9054, which sought the expansion of the region to 14 provinces, including Palawan. *Allan Nawal, Inquirer Mindanao*

'Cracker makers deny using manure

CITY OF MALOLOS—HURTING FROM claims that horse manure is being used in producing firecrackers, a leader of the pyrotechnic industry called the Department of Health "ignorant" about the manufacture of firecrackers and pyrotechnics.

[illegible], vice president of the Philippine Pyrotechnic Manufacturers and Dealers Association Inc. (PPMDAI), said they never use horse manure in their production because it is explosive and will only jeopardize the lives of workers.

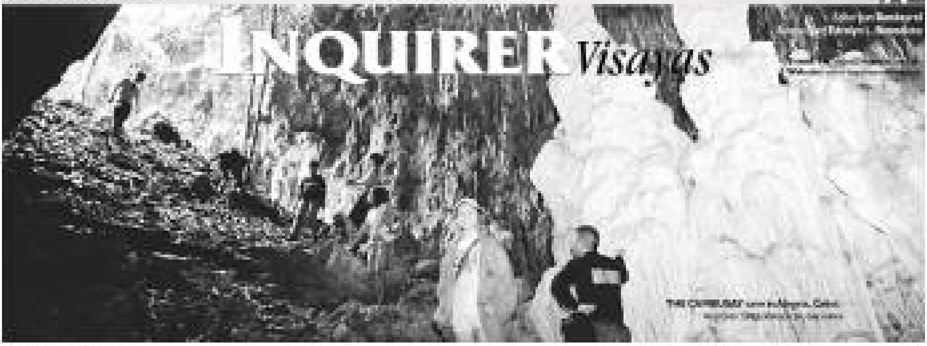
"They do not know what they are saying. They are ignorant when it comes to the pyrotechnic business," he said.

He was reacting to the warning of [illegible] health officials on the use of firecrackers because many of these contain ingredients such as horse manure that carry the tetanus virus.

"We never use manure because it will give a negative chemistry to the chemicals we use. How can a [illegible] official speak like we do not know what we are doing?" he said. *Carmela Reyes, Inquirer Central Luzon*



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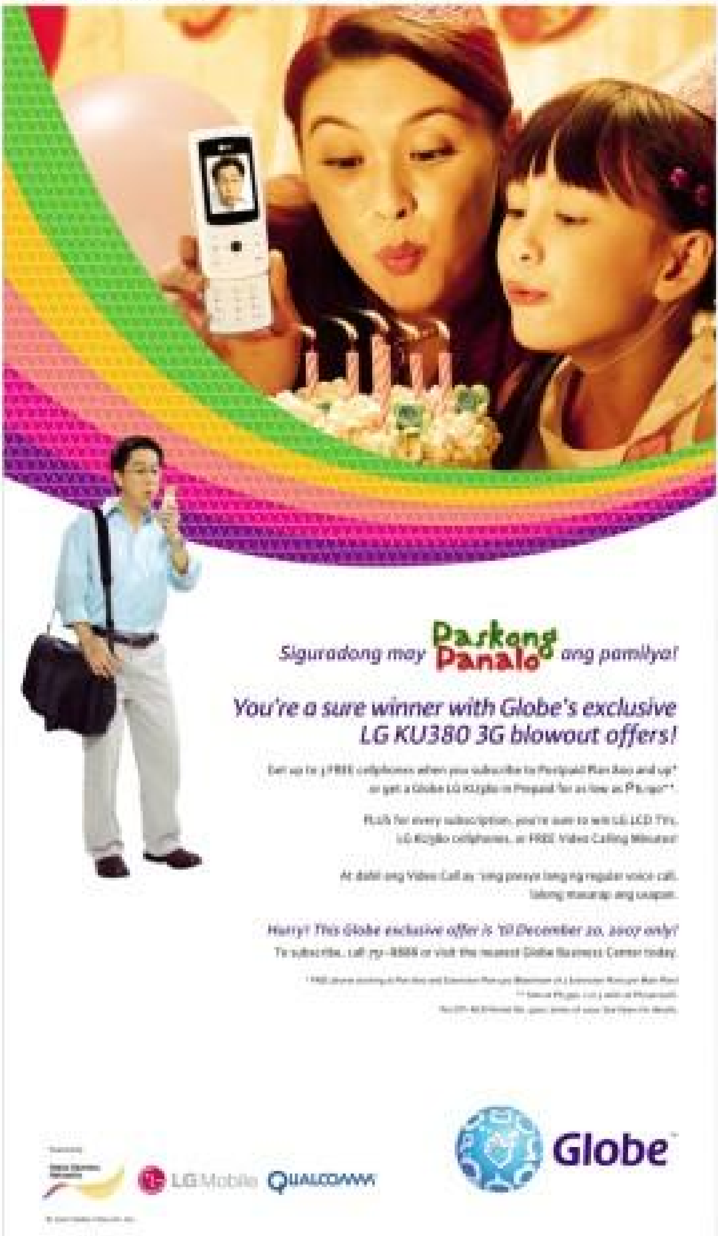
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EU leaders sign landmark reform treaty

LISBON—LEADERS OF THE 27-NATION European Union signed a landmark treaty Thursday to revitalize EU decision-making, but the show of unity was marred by British Prime Minister Gordon Brown's absence from the ceremony.

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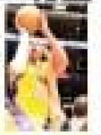


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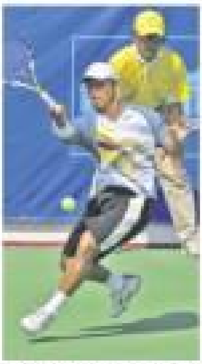
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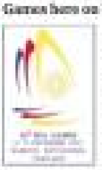
RP tumbles to sixth on lone Mamiit gold

Tennis ace gets revenge, clobbers Udomchoke



By Ernesto A. Gonzales
Sports Features Editor

NAKHON RATCHASIMA—Only tennis star Cecil Mamiit shone on a disastrous penultimate day that left the Philippine campaign in shambles at the 24th Southeast Asian Games here on Friday.



Mamiit the magnificent destroys Thai for gold



NAKHON RATCHASIMA—CECIL MAMIIT DID NOT do the jig this time, he just took care of Danai Udomchoke.

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Needed momentum

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Fil-Ams ready to answer call of duty

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RP tumbles to sixth overall on lone tennis victory

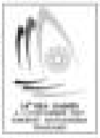
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Filipinos a big flop in baseball, too







Indonesians shove Tupaz, Verayo out of contention



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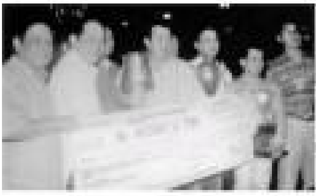


A time for heroes, and villains, too

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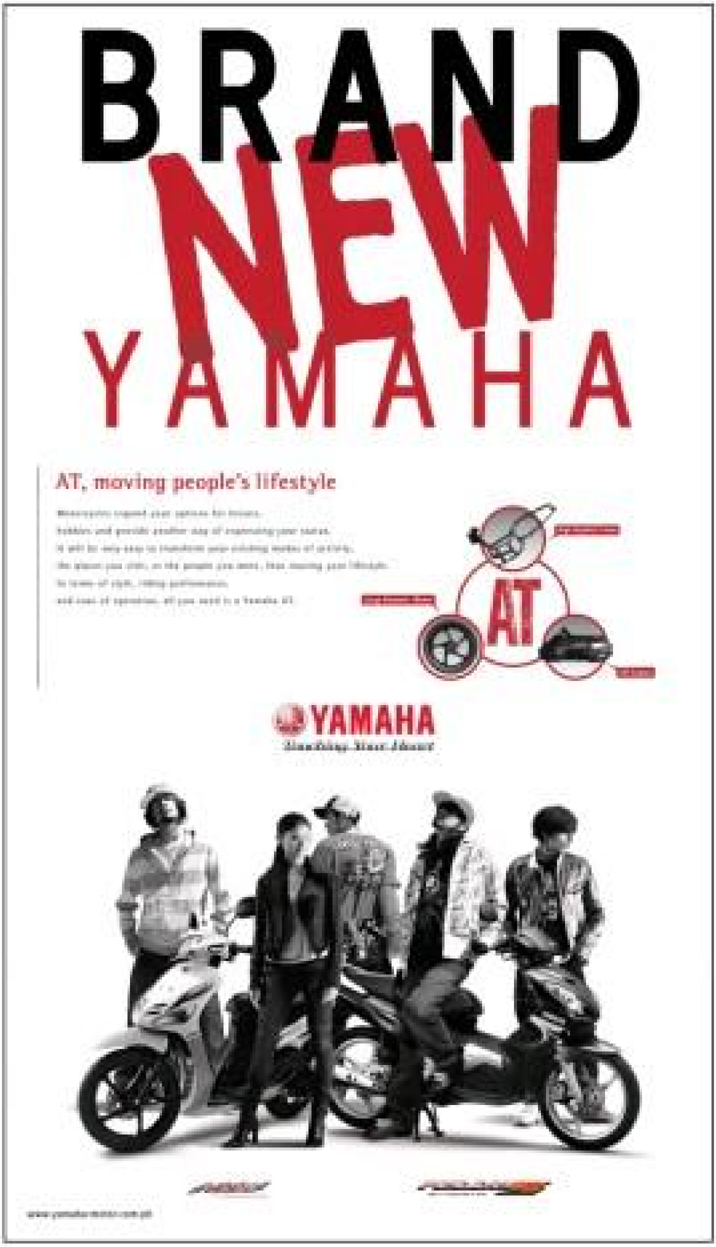
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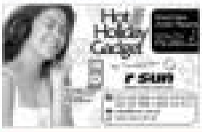


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Jan-Oct OFW remittances up 15.2%

Inflows channeled through banks said to reach $11.9B

By Doris C. Dumlao

MONEY SENT HOME by overseas Filipinos through banks in October surged by 17.1 percent year-on-year to hit an all-time high of $1.4 billion due to the deployment of more workers abroad as well as improvement in remittance channels, according to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

This brought the 10-month foreign exchange inflows from overseas Filipino workers to $11.9 billion—up 15.2 percent from the same period last year. [illegible]



AND THEY'RE STILL BRINGING HOME THE BACON

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Peso closes at 41.21 vs dollar

By Doris C. Dumlao

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Shares down 2.4%

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By Walter Ray Choi

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Credit worries hit Asian stocks

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US inflation up by biggest margin in 34 yrs

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For the kuyas of the house



Avon unveils first-ever celebrity fragrance-Angel Locsin Wish of Happiness



Glam and glitz of Targus



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Filipino fashion shines with Samuel and Kevin





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Targeted Therapy brings new hope for advanced breast cancer patients

Did you know that Filipino women face the highest risk of breast cancer in Asia? Despite numerous efforts to raise awareness for the disease, the Philippines is still ranked first in breast cancer incidence in Asia and has a higher prevalence rate than those in several Western countries, including Spain, Italy, and most Eastern European countries. This life-threatening disease is also affecting younger women in Asia compared to the United States and Europe. According to the Philippine Cancer Society Inc., an estimated 14,040 new cases will be diagnosed this year, which will claim the lives of nearly 6357 women in the country.

Generally, the disease is still being diagnosed late in its course, affecting the survival rate of women with breast cancer in the Philippines, which is currently below 50%. Thousands of Filipino women are robbed of the chance to experience and enjoy life with their families because of this. Globally, advanced breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in women, claiming more than 400,000 lives each year. The median survival time for women treated for metastatic or stage 4 breast cancer is two years.

Women who have been diagnosed with this terrible disease can find hope in a number of treatment methods that have been found to cure breast cancer, limit the spread of the disease and provide relief of symptoms. These treatment options include surgery, chemotherapy, mastectomy, radiotherapy and hormonal therapy.

Even those with metastatic cancer are given hope with new treatments being discovered that gives them more time than ever before. One such treatment method is targeted therapy. Because these therapies are more specific than conventional cytotoxic chemotherapy, they are intended to have less effect on normal cells, which may reduce the chance of side effects commonly caused by current cancer treatments and more importantly can potentially improve patient survival.

One such treatment targets breast cancer cells through a protein called ErbB2. ErbB2 may be found in greater amounts or has greater activity in certain cells, resulting in these cells developing into tumors. Targeted treatment for ErbB2 inhibits the overexpression of these proteins so the tumor cells are no longer able to grow. For patients with locally advanced ErbB2 positive breast cancer, delaying the progression of the disease is an important treatment goal and can make all the difference.

While breast cancer remains one of the top killers of women all over the world, advances in medicine and technology are helping more patients cope with it better. Breast cancer patients are advised to consult their doctors for the treatment option that is most suitable for their needs and condition. With vigilance, support from loved ones and the appropriate medical treatment, more patients with breast cancer can look forward to having a fighting chance against the disease and the hope that they can eventually conquer it.

This information on breast cancer is brought to you by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK). GSK is committed to developing innovative medicines for the treatment of debilitating diseases including metastatic breast cancer in line with its mission of improving the quality of human life by enabling people to do more, feel better and live longer.


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Christmas runs 365 days in this Tagaytay village

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Crosswinds, the [illegible] of Sen. Manny Villar's Brittany Corp. [illegible]

[illegible] "Christmas all year."

This was revealed by Camille Villar, [illegible] during an exclusive interview with Inquirer Property at the [illegible]

[illegible] level.

Camille, who graduated in [illegible] at the Ateneo de Manila [illegible]

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Christmas runs 365 days in this Tagaytay village



THE POINSETTIA Christmas tree

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All about pines



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THE CHRISTMAS store at Crosswinds



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SPLENDIDO TAAL RESIDENTIAL, GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Strategically located along the Tagaytay-Nasugbu road, Splendido Taal Residential, Golf and Country Club stands as a tribute to the environment that surrounds the premier residential development located south of Metro Manila. It may very well be one of the few remaining real estate developments—if not the only one left along the Tagaytay area that offers the homeowner with a choice of panoramic views: the majestic beauty of the world-renowned Taal Lake and Taal Volcano, or the greens and fairways of Splendido Taal's championship golf course.

Splendido Taal is a [illegible]-hectare gated community located right along the Tagaytay Ridge. The centerpiece of the residential development is the [illegible]-hectare Splendido Taal Golf Club with its 18-hole all-weather championship golf course designed by "The Great White Shark" Greg Norman. Surrounding the golf course are the subdivision and fairway lots of the Splendido Taal Residential Estates, which include the four 12-storey luxury condominium buildings of the Splendido Taal Towers that will soon rise within the development.

The concept of living close to the wonders of nature permeates the splendid lifestyle that can be enjoyed at Splendido Taal. The unique geographic features of the place not only provide residents with postcard-perfect views, but also with cool mountain breezes almost on a year-round basis. With a [illegible]-hectare forest surrounding the development, it will not be uncommon for those residing at Splendido Taal to wake up to the sounds of birds and a cherry sunrise during summer, or to a surreal blanket of fog during the cool 'ber' months.

The subdivision and fairway lots of the Splendido Taal Residential Estates are already fully developed and ready to accept residential construction. Residential units of the Splendido Taal Towers are likewise available on pre-selling basis.

Experience the splendor of Tagaytay at Splendido Taal. For inquiries and details, please call [illegible] or email : [illegible]

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Editor: Cesar D. Mangawang

Helping OFWs invest in their future

By Charles E. Buban

CARLO HAS BEEN IN SAUDI ARABIA FOR more than a decade. Working as a foreman as well as other allied works since 1996, he never fails to send his earnings to his family in Cavite.

His hard work and dedication have paid off as his family's standard of living has improved significantly, able to furnish his home with modern appliances as well as own a taxi and a small buy and sell business.

But despite all these, Carlo believed his efforts were not hard enough to his family still seem their future and that his salary seems to be just sufficient to cover his family expenses, including his six children's education and maintenance of the taxi.

Not alone

"Carlo was not alone in his predicament. I was surprised to hear similar stories from so many overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) sent in that Middle Eastern kingdom. They just can't make the right decision on how to invest their valuable money here in the Philippines," reported Elser Chua, president of CDC Holdings Inc.

CDC Holdings is the investment arm of a group of companies engaged in property development, property management, sales and marketing, and related services.

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Savings

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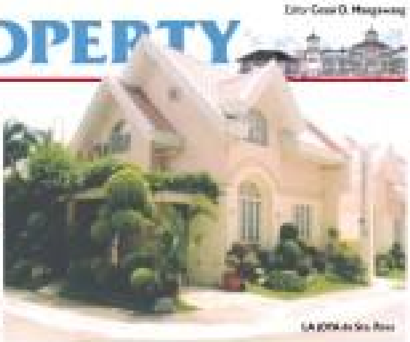
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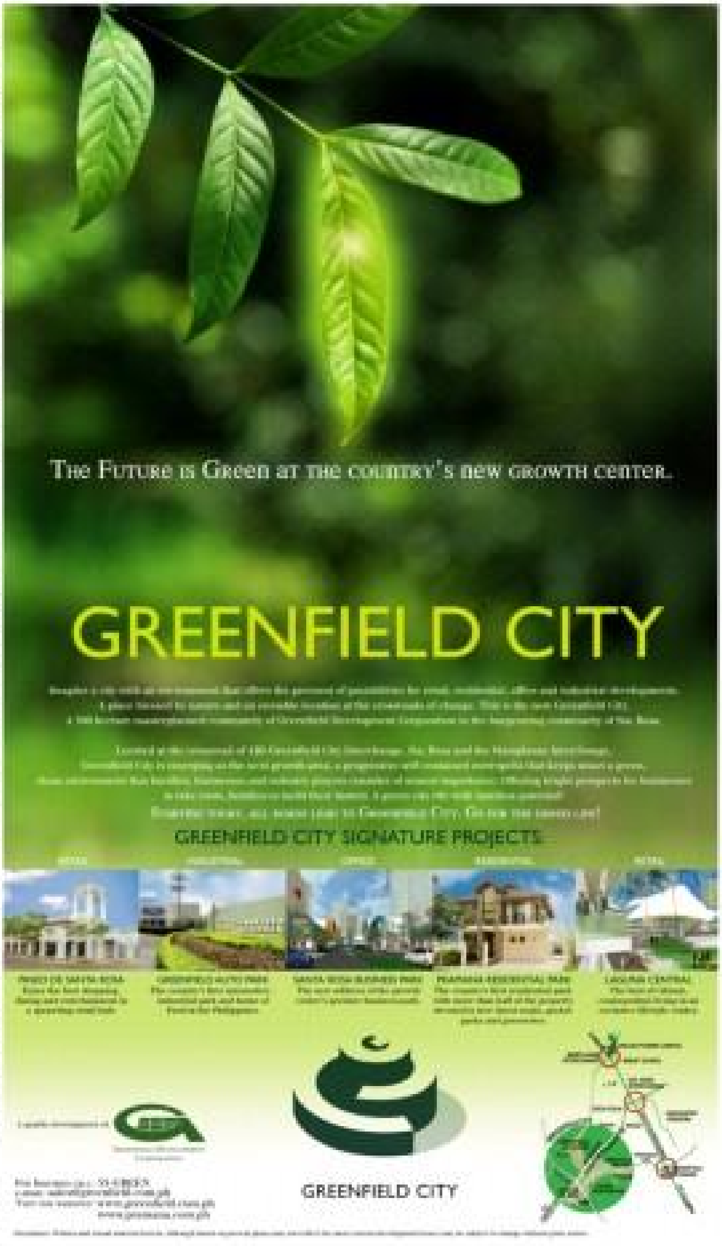
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LA JOYA de Sta. Rosa





Energy efficiency and energy modesty

GREEN ARCHITRENDS

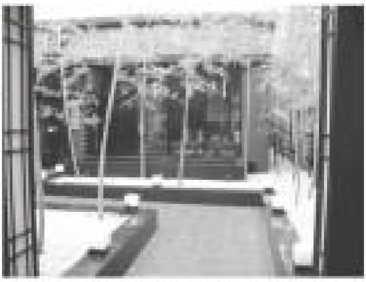


Amado de Jesus

What is energy modesty?

Practicing energy modesty

Why practice energy modesty?



Fulfilling the need for high-quality loft living



THE GATEWAY Mall's Oasis



ONE-BEDROOM model unit's dining area

Refreshing shades of green at Manhattan Garden City

Surprises on every corner

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Phinma Properties redefining city living



Smart choice

Achievements

Most ambitious project

Helping OFWs . . .

Good life, luxury in the South define Carmel Ridge

AWESOME STRUCTURES

Yet another crooked



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Communities Philippines' Andalusia, canvas of Spanish architecture in San Fernando



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5 home models

Strategic location

Bellevue expansion projects underway





Architecture

High-end residence

Luxury haven

Fulfill your dream at Robinsons Pioneer Cybergate complex



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Regalomania

This week Super means: » Scotch tape• Unwrap• Pambalot• Exchange• Ribbon

James & the giant pitch

by Wanggo Gallaga



Will in Grace



Give from the Art

by Jamus Gabrillo

Very important 'Pataygutom'

by Tata Diaz



Caught on tape

by Paolo Reyes

Sushi hopper

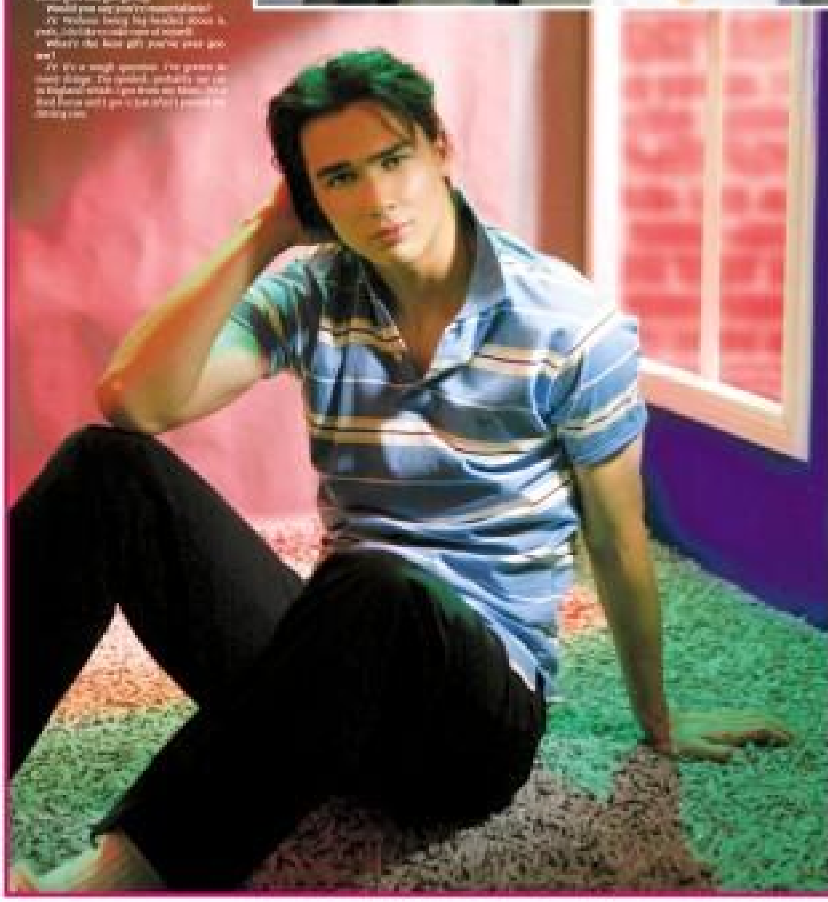
by Jason Manalac

Hey! big spender

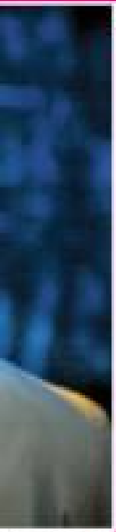
By [illegible]

ATHLETES BECOME MODELS. It makes perfect sense: They have the necessary physique to look great in photos, their bodies are well-sculpted from hours of training, they have a dedicated fan base who would want anything that is associated with them or with the sport they excel in and, if they aren't training, they have time on their hands.





Footballer and model James Younghusband kicks it with Super





Breastfeeding

Getting ready for breastfeeding

A pregnant or breastfeeding mother has to maintain a healthy diet to be able to provide enough nutrition to her baby and to herself. This will help her produce quality breast milk that will nourish her child.



Super Christmas at the SM Supermalls

The year's most awaited season is here. Celebrate it at SM Supermalls! Here, Christmas is larger, grander and simply better! Shop, dine and spend quality family time. No matter how you choose to celebrate, you're sure to get your fill of the Christmas spirit here.

Shop for the best gifts at the best bargains! Here, there's a wide selection to choose from so you're sure to find the perfect gift for your family and friends. From the trendiest clothes, to the most exciting toys, to the newest gadgets, you can find it all here.

What's Christmas without a feast? Treat your family to a mouthwatering meal at any of our restaurants. From quick and delicious meals, to specialty food items and international cuisines, to cakes and pastries for your sweet tooth, to the grandest full course feasts, there's always something to satisfy your cravings.

To complete the experience, cap it off with lots of family bonding time. See a movie, bowl a few games or play with the kids at one of the gaming centers. You can even just sit down and enjoy the various events, activities and shows scheduled at the SM Supermalls.

For your convenience, there's a special extended holiday schedule so you have more time to shop, dine and bond with your family. With all these things at the SM Supermalls, we're sure you'd agree, your Christmas celebration has never been this complete!

Christmas Events at SM Supermalls

Mickey Mouse Clubhouse Christmas

The Great Christmas Chorale

SM Supercenter Valenzuela

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SM City Sta. Mesa

SM City Bicutan

SM Southmall

SM City Sucat

SM Supercenter Pasig

SM City Taytay

SM City North Edsa

SM City Fairview

Angelic Voices

Santa's Corner

Fireworks Display

Holiday Mall Hours

(Metro Manila Malls only)

Dec. 1-30*
10am – 10pm
*Except SM Supercenter Pasig
10am – 11pm

Dec. 15 & 22 (Sat)
10am – 12am

Jan. 1, 2008
12nn – 9pm

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100 per cent design



AIG PhilAm Bank Launches New, Exciting Promos

100 per cent design

Standardization of shapes, reuse of industrial objects, post-minimalist styles, multi-sensory, and versatility—this is 2007's best international designs (that you probably never heard of)







Beam beam, bung bung



Groove is in the art



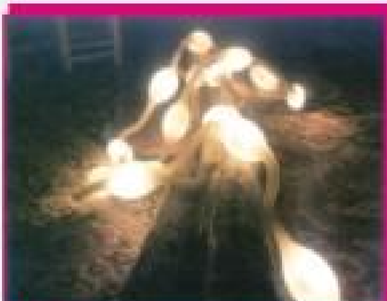


Expired sensation



Design newspeak





Roller rage

About the window





Front art, let's dance



Science of sleep









SUPER BUBBLE

We caught you ... and we can read your thoughts!









Kiss this

GRAB A COPY OF ROGUE magazine's December '07-January '08 issue and get the skinny on classic rockers, college ditchers, and runway lookers in their special year-end issue. Everything for the guy who wants everything—all this and more in Rogue.

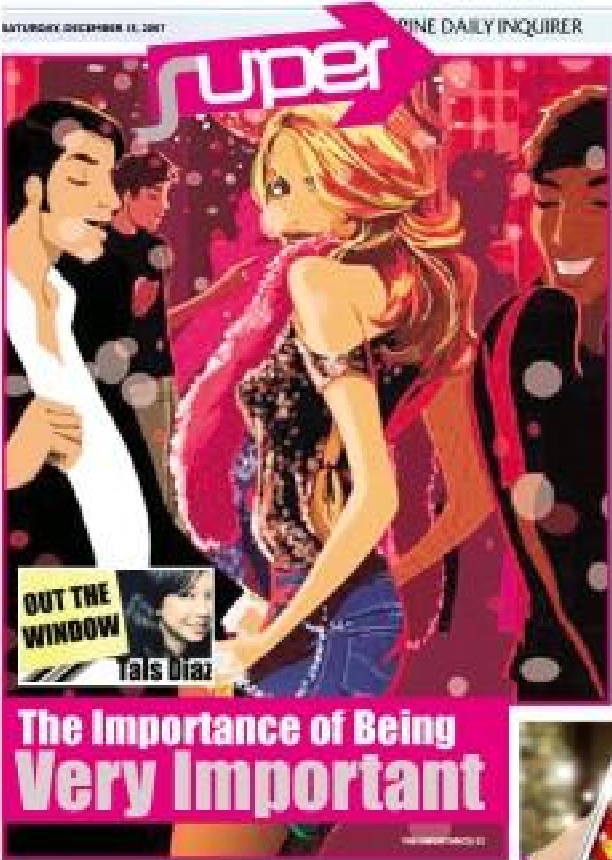
Read a profile of model [illegible] by Erwin Romulo [illegible] photographed by Mark Nicdao; find out what happened to a great Pinoy rocker in "Retrieving the Lost Legend of [illegible]" by [illegible] and [illegible]; and learn why Ateneo vs. La Salle basketball games are salvaging "respectable" society in a piece by New York Times contributor [illegible].

Travel to Sagada this month, where photographer [illegible] takes you through the coffins, caves, and [illegible] of this mysterious destination; and head to Munich where [illegible] sees you through the beer-soaked depravity that is Oktoberfest.

In this month's Rogue's Gallery, [illegible] affirms her attraction to the sexually ambiguous; [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] gives us a short cut of [illegible]; [illegible] de Veyra unravels the twisted, comic plot of "I Killed Adolf Hitler." James Gabrillo spends an eye-opening "30 Days" with Morgan Spurlock; Erwin Romulo sits down with the sinister minds of "Silent Evil" and jams with [illegible]; [illegible] unloads some click-worthy Web [illegible] for the month; [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]; [illegible] deconstructs the dreams of artist [illegible]; [illegible] spars with the men of [illegible]; and [illegible] peels away the forgotten layers of [illegible]'s past and pilots a flight with [illegible] founder [illegible].

Also, check out new work by [illegible], [illegible], Lourd de Veyra, [illegible], and [illegible]; and enjoy a unique story collaboration between award-winning fictionist [illegible] Katigbak and artist [illegible] in a special interactive piece exclusive to this issue.

Pick up a copy of Rogue at your nearest newsstand or call [illegible] to order a copy delivered straight to your doorstep or for annual subscriptions.


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OUT THE WINDOW
Tals Diaz
The Importance of Being
Very Important

The Importance of Being Very Important



Or the strange behavioral patterns of a city composed of mostly harmless social caterpillars.





The Importance of Being Very Important

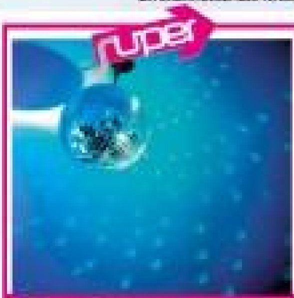
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that seems to happen some days on a near-daily basis. As soon as the social paparazzi raises his camera lens at eye level, those same girls, upon contact and in perfect unison, tilt their heads to the precise, practiced angle (you know—turn to the left, chin down and pout). Shows her [illegible] smile down. Very Important Photo-op.

I take off those with a grin and a grain of salt, of course. After all, who has never wanted to feel important and be treated as such, particularly in circles that seem to be obsessed with entitlement? Who has never felt in a party the need to smile artificially and hope to God that the next phrase coming out of your lips while in conversation with an acquaintance would keep alive the rapidly decreasing smallness of talk?

THE IMPORTANCE E2





The Importance of Being Very Important

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The other room inside

So when social caterpillars get together and don The Attitude, it's hard not to conceal your eyes rolling so far behind your back that it cracks your spine. And nowhere else do I feel this more than inside yet another room, the girls' bathroom.



The years have conditioned me to be terrified of this place, this carnival den of bitchiness, the central base of lipstick and gossip, the great equalizer by virtue of our collective need to heed Mother Nature's call. I found myself recently in that awkward line, by another non-descript door. I was waiting, waiting for forever for that very important door to open. Finally after fifteen minutes had passed, I rapped my knuckles hard on the door. Suddenly two very angry, jumpy girls had come out and in tandem had stared me down with the heavily mascaraed Look of Death. I was absolutely aware that there is a throng of other girls behind me in the line, delightedly watching this stand-off. What else can one do but try to fight back—hopefully with more class and higher heels—in this silent game of territorial chess? In my head, a voice screamed out, 'who the f*** are you?' And I could almost read their thoughts, "don't you know who I am?" Then I counter telepathically with "don't you know who I am... too?" The winner of the stare-down is obvious. Their heels were much higher, after all. My head is bloody but unbowed.

What is most important, then, in these nocturnal habitats where the ground you stand on, and space you dance in, is emblematic of your perceived status in the world? It is knowing that your true worth is shown in the dignity held at these volatile moments. And it is also the fact that, big smile on your face, you know the bouncers personally, ensuring that those lipsticked female thugs will never hog the most important room ever again.



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Making music with the boys

THE INTERNET HAS been around for ages but it's only recently that artists are recognizing its big role when it comes to music sharing. Imagine being heard not only in your home turf but also across the globe with just a click of a button!

Thanks to Nokia's Independent Artists Club (IAC), these artists now have a shot at amplifying their music, sharing it with a wider audience.

Presented by Nokia, the mobile music leader, IAC is meant to be the hub for new music for fresh homegrown talents in Asia. IAC gives new acts the means to be discovered through its exclusive IAC share. For music lovers, it's a hunting ground for fresh sounds, a place to download free music and vote for the tracks you want to see in the top of the charts.

This week, Super together with Nokia Manila's Independent Artists Club, lets [illegible] one of IAC's fastest rising independent bands, Hija.

Hija 101

Cheena Amador on vocals, Rolimar Castañeda on guitar, Reel Pagcas on bass, and Mucky Merces on drums.

"The band has been around since February 2007 but back then, it had a different lead singer and drummer whose schedules wouldn't jive. It was only until four months ago that the four of us got together to form Hija," shares Cheena. "Well, the bassist sent a message to me in Friendster saying that I was referred to him by a friend so I auditioned for the band. Mucky, the drummer is an old friend of our guitarist, Rolimar."

Current status

"When we don't have gigs, we go about our regular lives. Cheena produces and markets promos for a TV network's entertainment shows, Reel teaches Economics at UST, Rolimar sells guitars and music gadgets online, and Mucky takes care of their land in Tagaytay."

Joy of indie-pendence

"The best thing about being an indie band is that there are no rules. We can play our type of music. We can go crazy with the sounds without anyone forcing us [illegible]. There's no commitment whatsoever. We also own our [illegible] being an independent band. In the future, we would want to be publicly recognized. [illegible]"

"We would describe our music as refreshing, something new to the ears—rifts of blues, beats of R&B, and the sound of soul. Though the term rock/blues came from the Westerns, our sound is truly Pinoy by heart. Our original songs are all in Tagalog and though some of our hooks are melancholic, we make sure that any listener can groove to our beat."

Whimsical, intoxicating

"For first time listeners our song Pabalang, which was composed by Reel, would be a great musical intro. It is a song anyone could relate to because it's about heartache. The tone we gave to it doesn't make it the depressing variety. In fact, it's whimsical and intoxicating."

Like Hija, sign up at the Independent Artists Club (IAC). To upload your songs, go to www.nokia-asia.com/iac/artists/.

If you're just out to check the [illegible] tunes, you can even get the chance to bag a five-day trip for two to Sydney, Australia for the Good Vibrations festival on Feb. 16, 2008. Just register from Dec. 6, 2007 to Jan. 31, 2008 and vote for your favorite track. Also up for grabs are two Nokia 5310 XpressMusic phones and two Nokia 5610 XpressMusic phones.

Get on board and visit the IAC website now at www.nokia.com.ph/iac.



HIJA

Where to Stop Where to Go

Christmas treat at Finio







Warm and inviting

Magical Christmas at the Manila Pavilion Hotel



Tia Maria's Launches Kiddie Parties

SAMPLE FRESH FARE AT FISH OUT OF WATER IN GREENBELT 3



More fun in the Boracay sun







Aboard the Orient Express

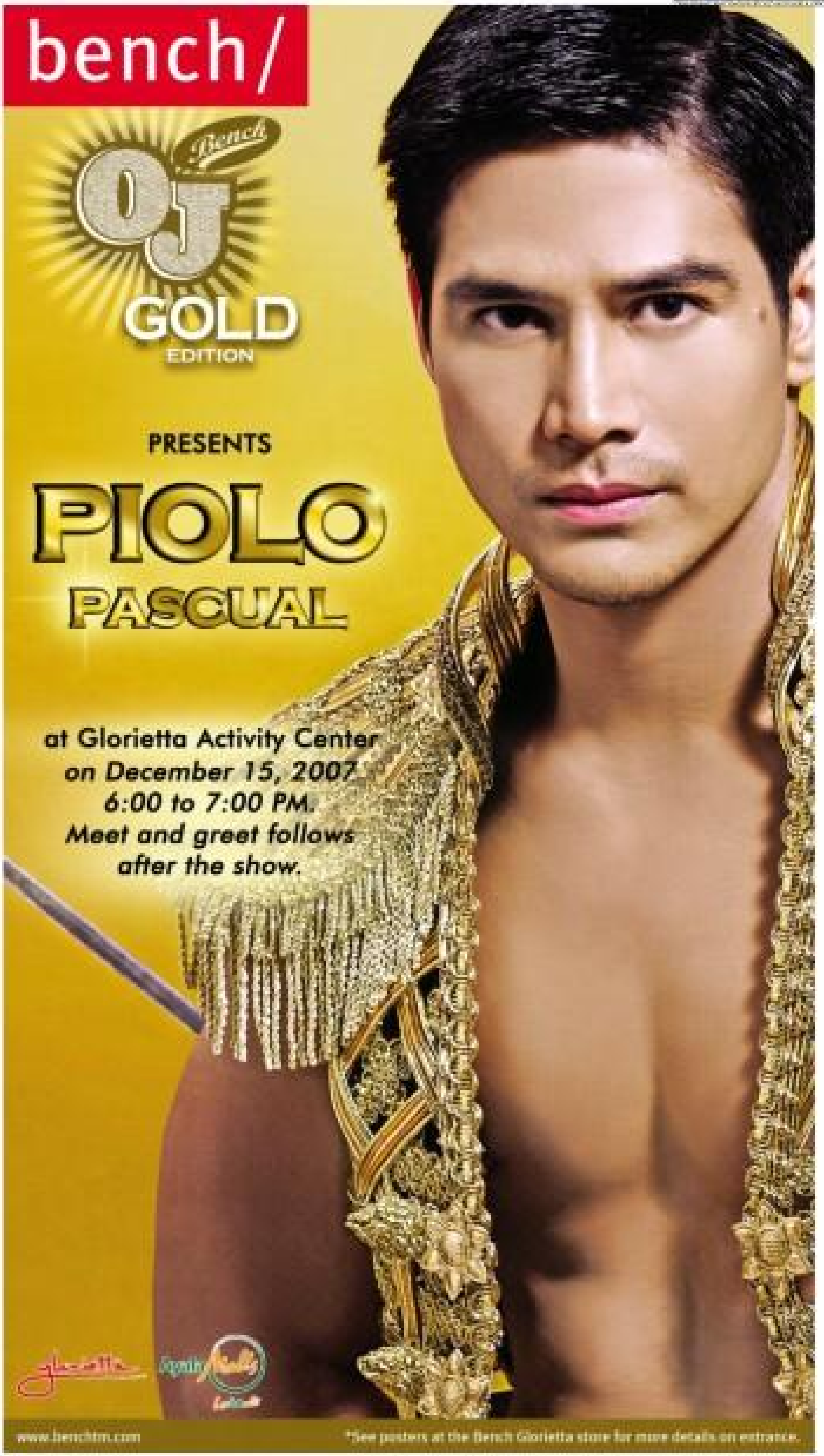
Hypersexual Asians and other Pop Cultural Fictions



Commodified supersexual women

Desire for the castrated Asian male




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SPACE INVADERS

The New Rising Sun

Jozu, the newest Japanese restaurant in Manila sets the standard for affordable Japanese cuisine



JAPANESE FOOD IS A CUISINE that cannot be done in a mediocre standard. Very expensive usually means imported seafood at a high price, while cheap means over-battered tempura and sushi sprinkled with ... It was not until I tried the recently opened Jozu that good quality and affordable prices had been merged in a Japanese restaurant.









The New Rising Sun

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Modern Japanese

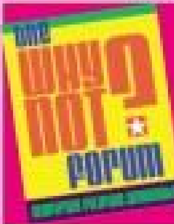


No Compromises





24/7 SUPER RADAR







From Felon to Famous



Hip-hop's most sought-after R&B singer on cars, public life and Snoop Dogg

How did you get started as a musician?

What do you mean you didn't even want to be an artist? What else did you want to be?

Why do you put in details of your personal life in your songs?

What do you mean the translation comes back different?

How long were you in prison?

What kind of cars did you take then?

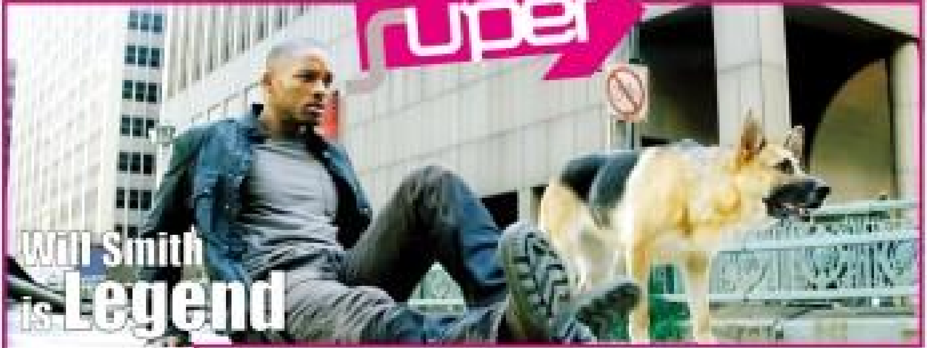
What was the car you were driving when you got caught?

When were you released?

You worked with Snoop Dogg on "I Wanna Love You." What was that like?

Did you partake of Snoop Dogg's favorite shot?

Why are you so clean?



Will Smith is Legend

By Wanggo Gallaga
Photos courtesy of Warner Bros.

IF NEW YORK WAS EMPTY AND you are the last person on Earth, what would you do? Will Smith opted to grab a 9 iron and shift golf balls through the city. He got the chance during the filming for "I Am Legend," his new film opening on Jan. 9.

"I Am Legend" tells the story of Robert Neville, a military scientist who may very well be the last man on the planet. Like other post-apocalyptic science fiction films, "I Am Legend" explores the horrid reality of being all alone. The film is based on the book by Richard Matheson and the two films that were inspired by it: 1964's "The Last Man on Earth" with Vincent Price and 1971's "Omega Man" with Charlton Heston. While the film has its share of monster combat, the movie is not at all what is expected. It has its fair share of action sequences and scary moments but, essentially, this is a character piece, pretty much a one man show.

Afraid of the dark

"I think this movie can connect with people because it reaches into that memory of the time when your parents read you to sleep at night and then they switch off the lights and they leave the room and you're all alone in the dark," Will explains in the ballroom of the Grand Hyatt in Hong Kong where the Asian press screening was held. He adds, "You could have been 3 months old or 9 months old or 8 years old, it is connected to the primal instinct and feelings about the dark. I think everyone will be able to connect to that at some level."

Will Smith is not the kind of person you would imagine being alone. Within his 6'2 frame, the two-time Oscar nominee bleeds charm. He looks you directly in the eye and gives you a warm smile. He is constantly joking and as a reporter asks "How do you deal with unwanted attention?" Will quickly replies, "Do I look like I have problems with unwanted attention? I love this job. There's sometimes bad timing but I have been lucky that I've been approached by people with love. The only person who I envy is Tiger Woods. I would give up all of this for a second if I could be Tiger Woods because I love golf and I suck at it."

In "I Am Legend," Will Smith fills the screen acting opposite a German shepherd for most of the film. Hailed as the most successful actor today by director Francis Lawrence and reaching top five in the Forbes' Smartest People in Hollywood list, the film is another showcase of Smith's capacity to juggle serious acting while rallying hit box office credibility.

The film, in itself, is a monster of a concept. Other than complete quiet and isolation, the biggest challenge was to empty out the city of New York. This is not your run of the mill big-budget event film, though. The movie uses the suspense/science fiction setting to tell the story of a man dealing with solitude.

How did you prepare for the role of Robert Neville?

Francis (Lawrence, director), Akiva (Goldsman, writer/producer) and I may have spent 800 hours in a room going over scene by scene, moment by moment, just trying to capture the reach of Robert Neville. We went to the Center of Disease Control in Atlanta. I spent time with a person who spent time in solitary confinement, talked to a former prisoner of war about those ideas. We did massive, massive research.

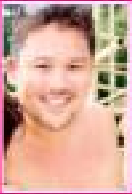
Have you ever experienced that kind of fear and solitude?

That was all about research. I didn't have any experience in my life that I could connect that to except through the people that I did research with.

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PEEPS From shoreline...

Ulterior motive: Stranded!
Party perpetrator: Smart
Crime scene: Club Paraw & Juice Bar, Boracay
Date of release: November 2-4

... To city







We're toasting to Brava, a cozy enclave in Serendra that's poised to be the prelude and finale of every nocturnal sojourn in the metro.

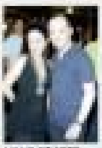
Ulterior motive: The grand prelude of Brava
Crime scene: Serendra, Global City
Date of release: December 5













TALES from the NU ROCK AWARDS

Winners list



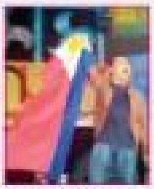




















Will Smith is Legend







BEAUTY to help



BEAUTY scholars

Self-help beauty

Interview by Katrina A. [illegible]

BEAUTY IS IN THE eye of the beholder, but for a rising number of women who have experienced abuse, having even a semblance of self-esteem is close to impossible.

Trying to rebuild confidence and even livelihood through beauty is one of the main thrusts of the [illegible] Foundation. Several of their projects have included workshops for battered women, trying to help them in regaining a feeling of both inner and outer beauty. Super talks to Cindy [illegible], marketing head of [illegible] to find out how "beauty" helps.

Why choose beauty as a means to help battered women?

We at the [illegible] Foundation know that beauty does not mean just being sexy and vice versa. Although we don't deny the fact that people love looking at fabulous bodies and beautiful faces, we recognize that true beauty goes beyond skin deep. It is a feeling of physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Women who are abused are often faced with distressing side effects both physically and emotionally. Their self-confidence and self-esteem can be lost during these times. [illegible] Foundation offers the opportunity to reach out to battered women by pampering them. We believe that by helping them look good, they will also feel better about themselves.

What are some of the programs of [illegible] Foundation?

The Center for Aesthetic Studies (CAS) is the primary program [illegible] by the [illegible] Foundation. It is a Tesda registered school dedicated to the art and science of Cosmetology. This teaching institution is open to the public as well as to scholars sponsored by various government agencies, socio-civic groups, and private benefactors.

> **We believe that by helping them look good, they will also feel better about themselves**

Similar to [illegible], the school espouses the importance of quality skills training, proper value formation and the promotion of a national spirit. Its curriculum covers the main areas of Cosmetology: Face, Hair and Body... inclusive of comprehensive classes in make-up, hair artistry, nail care and massage. Its focus is to produce educated, passionate professionals with an intrinsic respect and appreciation for the evolution of our culture. Its methodology includes both theory and practice within environments simulated to match industry settings. CAS' faculty is composed of very capable instructors schooled abroad and also have local experience.

How can outsiders participate? Do they have to join the organization or donate money?

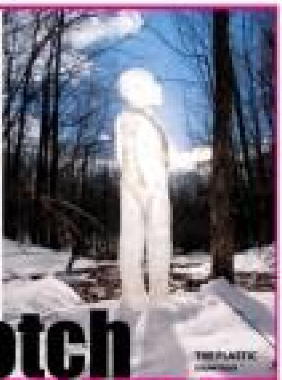
In line with the foundation's commitment to the Filipino, scholarships are available to the student population. The [illegible] Foundation receives support through foundation grants, corporate programs, government funding, and individual donations.

We also encourage individuals, families, businesses, community foundations, service clubs, or other groups to develop a Scholarship Fund in order to help remove financial barriers and enable students to have full access to alternative education that would help improve their lives.

For more information on this foundation, contact [illegible] or Cindy [illegible], at Tel. No. (632) [illegible], Fax No. (632) [illegible] or Email [illegible]

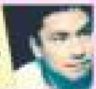
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When it comes to the art of gift wrapping, the real question is: How far can a piece of transparent tape take you?



Scotch on the blocks

LOST IN TRANSIT



Paolo R. Reyes

HOW MANY ROLLS OF scotch tape would it take to wrap a man? Better ask 3M. Or celebrity 3D street artist Mark Jenkins, for that matter.







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Scotch on the blocks



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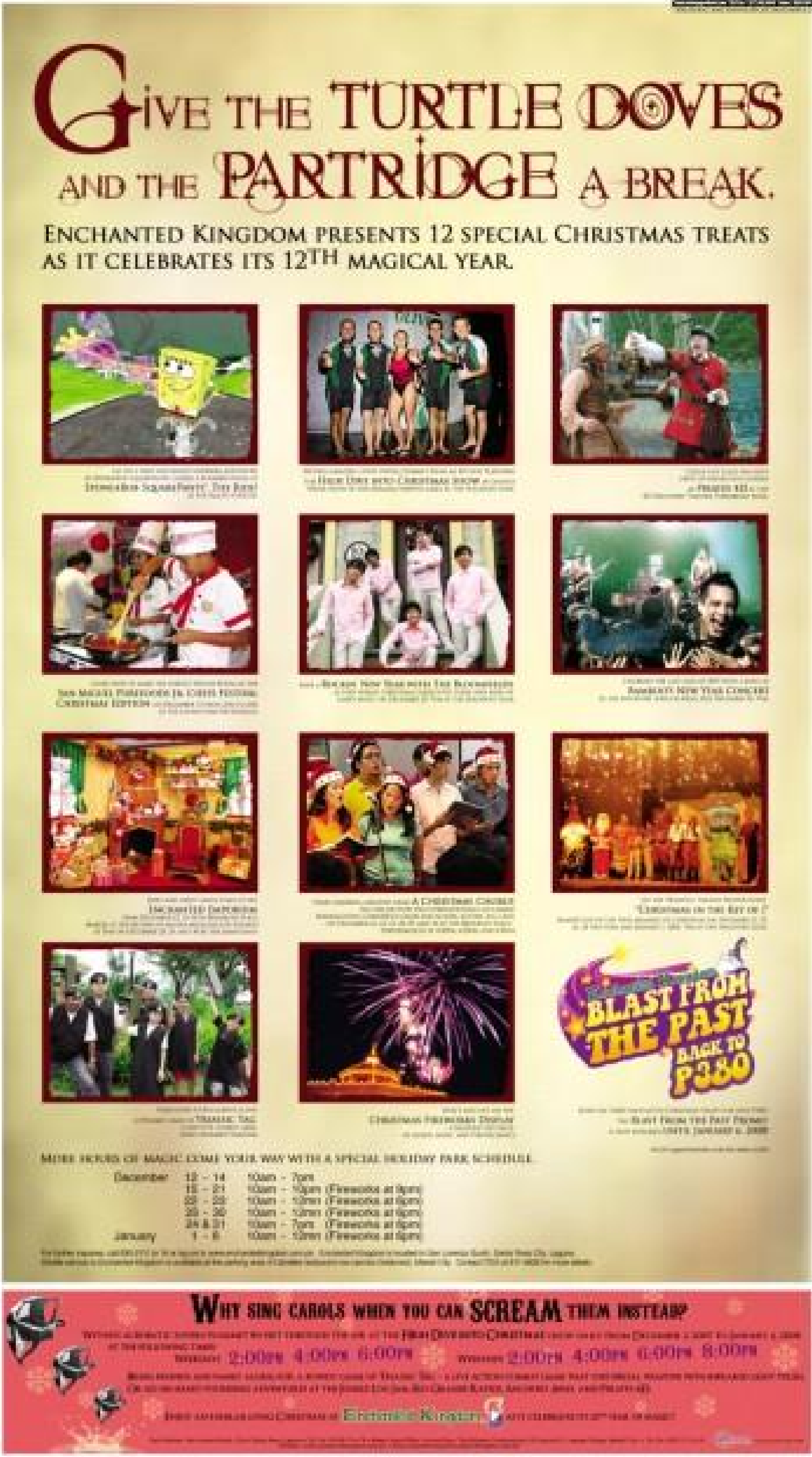
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SATURDAY Special



Choice cuts from new albums highlight pop music's sampling trend



By Rito P. Asilo

IN A NUMBER OF SLEEKLY produced and highly infectious singles from local and foreign recording artists, pop music's new sound doesn't sound so new, after all. With the sampling trend ruling popularizers' tastes and preferences, the groove may be catchy and ear-friendly, but the melodic riffs and licks aren't so original.

Welcome surprises



Raw energy



Lights come back on Broadway



Fruitcake lady thrives in her new advocacy





Time in memorial, need to peace and make up and other boob-tube booboos

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'H.O.P.E.' compiles inspirational songs for cancer patients

Choice cuts from new albums ...

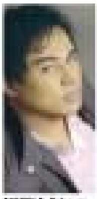




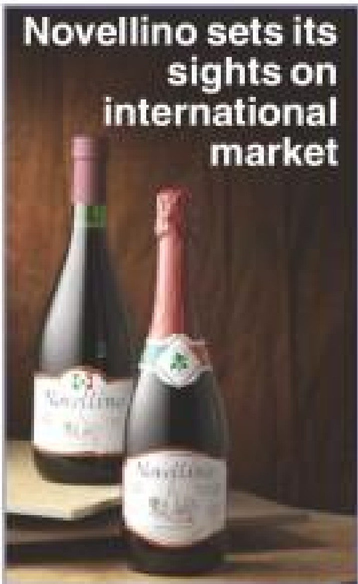
Off-center perspective at Kontra-Agos film fest



ManoMano sale...

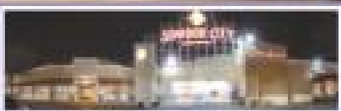


Novellino sets its sights on international market



Novellino Wines









ManoMano sale on final week

THE BIG CHRISTMAS SALE AT ManoMano (2504 Lepanto st., Sta. Ana Manila) ends tomorrow. ManoMano, a Fair Trade store, showcases the best Philippine handicrafts from all over the country, which are priced both here and abroad. Call (632) 561-6395.

MONTAGE

'Let's Imagine Live!'

Everyone's favorite purple dinosaur, Barney, is featured in the fun musical show, "Let's Imagine Live!—The Philippine Tour" from Dec. 19 to 22 at the Araneta Coliseum. With their human friends, Barney and his "prehistoric posse," BJ and Baby Bop, set off to use the limits of viewers' imagination. The family show reach on an exercise, the sentiment, healthy eating and teamwork. Call 911-5555.



BARNEY (center) and his "prehistoric posse"

Big Help campaign

Last Dec. 1, Nickelodeon invited in one big "share-lebration" at the Mall of Asia Complex as Nickelodeon's The Big Help 2007 campaign held its culminating activities.

The spirit of sharing overflowed as Nickelodeon partnered with their toys, books, clothes and allowances, with Sam Concepcion and Robi Joseph spearheading the fun program and games. Guests included Sugarpop, young vocal artist Hana Estrella Tan, Mooning Silhouettes, Making Mendes, and SpongeBob SquarePants.

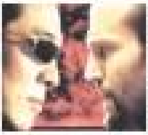
Last Nov. 26, the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Nickelodeon Bahay Kapatid GK Village in Pasay were held. Houses will be constructed there with the money collected from the campaign's special Big Help cans.

'Rogue Assassin' on video

Jet Li and Jason Statham continue to slug it out in the latest video version of the hit action flick, "Rogue Assassin."

The two stars play bitter enemies, with Statham hunting Li down to avenge his partner's death.

In the end, however, he discovers that nothing about Li's character is what it seems.



LI AND STATHAM. Play bitter enemies in hit action film.

Movies on TV

On HBO today at 7 p.m., "Mrs. Harris." Tomorrow at 11 p.m., "Little Nikita." Dec. 17 at 9 p.m., "Spirit Like Us." Dec. 18 at 11 a.m., "The Last Starfighter." Dec. 19 at 11 a.m., "Mr. Nice and Little Boy." Dec. 20 at 5 p.m., "La Bamba." Dec. 21 at 9 p.m., "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire."

On Cinemax today at 11 a.m., "Soldier." Tomorrow at 5 p.m., "In the Company of Spies." Dec. 17 at 7 a.m., "Battle of the Bulge." Dec. 18 at 9 p.m., "Spell to 13." Dec. 19 at 9 p.m., "Boondock." Dec. 20 at 7 a.m., "All Quiet on the Western Front." Dec. 21 at 9 p.m., "First Knight."

'Bigkis ng Pasko'

The best of Pinoy rock cover bands in "Bigkis ng Pasko," a series of rock concerts from Dec. 18 to 22 at the CCP Complex. Schedule: Dec. 18, 6 Cycle Mind; Dec. 19, Kamikazee; Dec. 20, Bamboo at Edgar; Dec. 21, Sponge Cola; Dec. 22, Itchyworms and Sandwich.

'Come to the Stable'

A Christmas concert, "Come to the Stable," will be presented by Ating Pahi on Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the PGH Chapel, and on Dec. 22 at 6 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Trinity, McKinley rd., North Forbes. Call 726-1667.

Jed Madela

Jed Madela's "Voice of Christmas" album mall tour hits SM City Taytay today and the Shangri-La Plaza tomorrow. An autograph signing session follows Jed's performance of selections from his album.

Live Mannequin contest

Act like a live mannequin and win the Lanuza Lion's "Christmas Toy Story's Live Mannequin" contest. Twenty contestants will compete from Dec. 17 to 21. Finals will be on Dec. 22. Call 661-5401 or 10 loc. 718.



MACUJA (left) interviews Dalisay on her arts program on dzRH.

Alumni homecoming

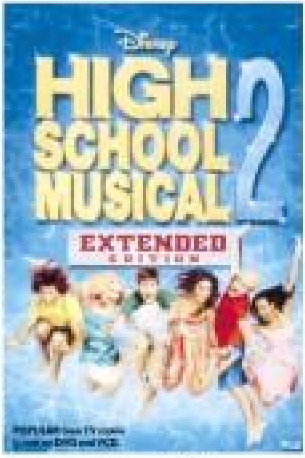
Our Lady College, formerly Holy Ghost College of Dipa, will celebrate its Alumni Homecoming on Dec. 22 (for the elementary department) and Dec. 29 (for high school). Call Gloria Gravuela at (983) 551-2435 loc. 112.

'Art2Art'

Professor Jerry Dalisay discusses the restoration of the UP Carillon Tower and its melodic bells tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. on Lisa Macuja's program, "ArtArt," on dzRH. The weekly arts program is produced by the Manila Broadcasting Company.

Yahoo! Pinoy

Yahoo! Pinoy and Yahoo! Philippines (www.yahoo.com.ph) team up to brighten



POPULAR teen TV movie is now on DVD and VCD.



Loretta Young's enigma lives on

By Ruben Cervantes

GRETCHEN MICHAELA Young was born in 1913 in Salt Lake City. She was one of four beautiful sisters their mother took to Hollywood to start life anew after her marriage broke up. In Tinseltown, the ambitious mother gave her good-looking children the proper training for careers in the movies.

When director Mervyn LeRoy cast eldest sister, Polly Ann, in a film, the young Gretchen volunteered her services because Polly Ann couldn't accept the role. The youngest sibling, Georgiana, became the wife of Hollywood's Latin lover, Ricardo Montalban.



YOUNG. Bore Clark Gable's daughter.

Successful transition

While attending Catholic school, Gretchen appeared in minor roles until she was 14—when she was assigned to "Naughty But Nice." Thereafter, she enjoyed a successful transition from silent films to the talkies.

Then, she was renamed Loretta, a regal beauty with the appropriate voice to enhance her high cheekbones and full lips. A 1951 survey chose her as one of Hollywood's most beautiful actresses, along with the elegant likes of Ava Gardner, Arlene Dahl and Elizabeth Taylor.

She appeared mainly in decorative roles—until she won an Academy Award for "The Farmer's Daughter" in 1947. Her victory surprised Hollywood insiders, who expected Rosalind Russell to win for "Mourning Becomes Electra."

Young was again nominated for 1949's "Come to the Stable." She likewise made her presence felt in such films as "The Bishop's Wife," "Because of You" and "Vision for Shawn."

She unexpectedly retired from Hollywood in 1953 and took on the challenge of starting a new career on television—on "The Loretta Young Show," which won the format three times.

After her TV show folded, she actress became an advocate of Father Peyton's "Rosary Hour," and she was an avid supporter of Catholic charities.

However, Loretta also showed how feisty she could be when pushed against the wall. In 1972, she sued the NBC network for showing her program internationally without her permission. For her unprecedented daring, the show bit lost was awarded $600,000 in damages.

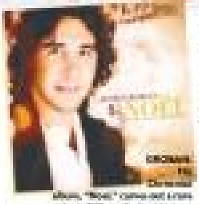
Personal life

But, while she was highly respected in Hollywood, little was known about her personal life. Her elopement with Grant Withers in 1930 ended after merely a year, while her long-time marriage to producer-writer Thomas Lewis also ended in divorce.

Little was heard about Young after she went into permanent retirement. The aura of mystery has kept the actress' enigmatic through the years. Later, however, Hollywood verified a well-kept secret: Her allegedly adopted daughter was actually sired by... Clark Gable!

SATURDAY Special

Groban in good position to maintain chart crown



Album, "Noel," carves out a rare niche in Billboard's chart history.

LOS ANGELES—SOME OF JOSH Groban's fans think he has the voice of an angel. So it seems appropriate that his first attempt at a Christmas album carves out a rare niche in chart history.

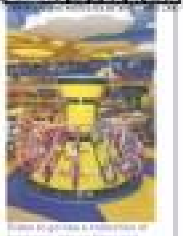
With Thanksgiving weekend store traffic and an appearance on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" ...

"Noel" garnered ...

Seasonlist

GROBAN K4







TOY KINGDOM

JUST GOT MORE AMAZING AT SM MEGAMALL



Tween Zone: Tween Dreams Are Made of This

Girls at Play: Just Between Us Girls

The Magic of Disney

Artist's Circle: Art Attack

Anime Action

I-Zone: Get Techie

I-Zap: Cyber Central

Cuddly Corner: A Walk on the Wild

Smart Starters: Playing and Learning

Gameslandia: That's Entertainment

Rides to Go: Fun in the Sun

Active Zone: Sports Fan

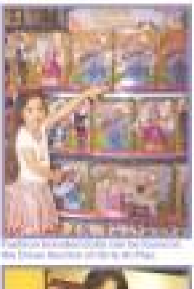
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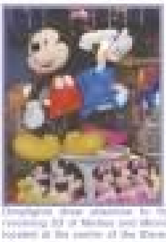
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Discovery Zone: Whiz Kids

Party Kingdom: Celebra-zone



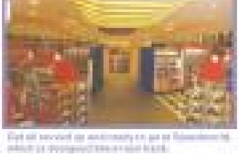
















UP Diliman builds 'dynasty' in Skechers Streetdance Battle

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Finalists

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'The Kingdom's' realistic action sequences scorch the big screen

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Conflict zone

[illegible]

Terrorists

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Political problem

[illegible]

RP, UK celebrate Friendship Week

STREET SMART



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Other activities

[illegible]

Groban in good position...

[illegible]

Rise to the top

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Lights come back on Broadway /J2

SATURDAY Special

NOW SHOWING:

Cate Blanchett revisits career-making role in perfunctory sequel



BLANCHETT. Reprises the role of Queen Elizabeth I in Kapur's visually stunning historical drama.

By Rito P. Asilo

"Elizabeth: The Golden Age"
D: Shekhar Kapur
A: Cate Blanchett, Clive Owen

ALL IS FAIR IN LOVE and war, so they say. But, in "The Golden Age," England's Queen Elizabeth I, played by the magnificent Cate Blanchett (who reprises the career-making role she originated nine years ago in Shekhar Kapur's Oscar-nominated historical drama, "Elizabeth"), finds that sometimes, it's easier to maneuver affairs of the state than those affairs of the heart. Alas, even well-loved monarchs don't always get everything they want!

Kapur's technically dazzling film explores the relationship of the so-called Virgin Queen and Sir

CONT'D J2

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Your life as a movie







"ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE." Overwhelming visual beauty.

Cate Blanchett revisits...



OWEN. Plays object of Elizabeth's affection.







'Tsinoy—Kaisa Ka!' revue returns onstage tomorrow

THE KAISA PARA SA KAUNLARAN Foundation's "Tsinoy—Kaisa Ka!" musical revue will have a repeat performance at 3 p.m. tomorrow, at Kaisa's own theater in Intramuros, sponsored by the Alumni Association of Uno High School. More performances early next year are also in the works. For details, call 552-1920 or 527-6080.



CROWD-PLEASING scenes (above photos) from acclaimed musical.

At the Cinemas

Cinema	Films
GLORIETTA 1	1 CATACOMBS; 2 THE GOLDEN COMPASS; 3 HOOD OF HORROR; 4 HITMAN
GLORIETTA 4	1 ENCHANTED; 2 THE KINGDOM; 3 ELIZABETH THE GOLDEN AGE; 4 GONE BABY GONE; 5 BATANES; 6 THE GOLDEN COMPASS; 7 DEATH PROOF
GREENBELT 1	1 PAPER DOLLS; 2 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
GREENBELT 3	1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS; 2 ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE; 3 DEATH PROOF; 4 GONE BABY GONE; 5 EASTERN PROMISES
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS; 2 ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN COMPASS; 3 DEATH PROOF; 4 CATACOMBS; 5 THE KINGDOM
AYALA CENTER CEBU	1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS; 2 THE GAME PLAN; 3 FRED CLAUS; 4 EASTERN PROMISES
MARKET! MARKET!	1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS; 2 DEATH PROOF; 3 HOOD OF HORROR; 4 ELIZABETH THE GOLDEN AGE; 5 CATACOMBS
TRINOMA	1 BATANES; 2 DEATH PROOF; 3 ELIZABETH THE GOLDEN AGE; 4 HOOD OF HORROR; 5 ENCHANTED; 6 CATACOMBS; 7 THE GOLDEN COMPASS

At the Malls

Mall	Event
Glorietta	Philippine Madrigal Singers with The Company, December 15, 2007, 8pm, Glorietta 4 Park
Greenbelt	Greenbelt 3 Saturday Night Disco Fever, December 15
Alabang Town Center	Christmas Cantata Series Featuring Alabang New Life Christian Center, December 16, 6pm, Activity Center
Ayala Center Cebu	[illegible]
Market! Market!	[illegible] Fair, December 14 to 16, Activity Center and Central Plaza
Cinemalaya	Repertory Philippines presents FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
Ayala Museum	[illegible]
TriNoma	Christmas Chorale, December 16, 6pm, Activity Center

'WHITE CHRISTMAS'

Significance of the best-selling song of all time recalled





Lonely soldiers



CROSBY: Became an icon for American values.

Romantic musical

'Pinay' songwriting champ wears many hats

Recognition

Singing contests



ORAH: Two of her songs qualified for the finals of the USA songwriting competition.







Oprah Winfrey planning film version of stage musical, 'The Color Purple'

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD



Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—We conclude our article about our recent interview with Oprah Winfrey, who also announced that, yes, she is planning to produce a film adaptation of the musical version of "The Color Purple."

When Denzel Washington, who sat down with Oprah at the press con to promote their movie, "The Great Debaters" [illegible]

Racist attitude

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Campaign trail

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Do you think racism can be cured?

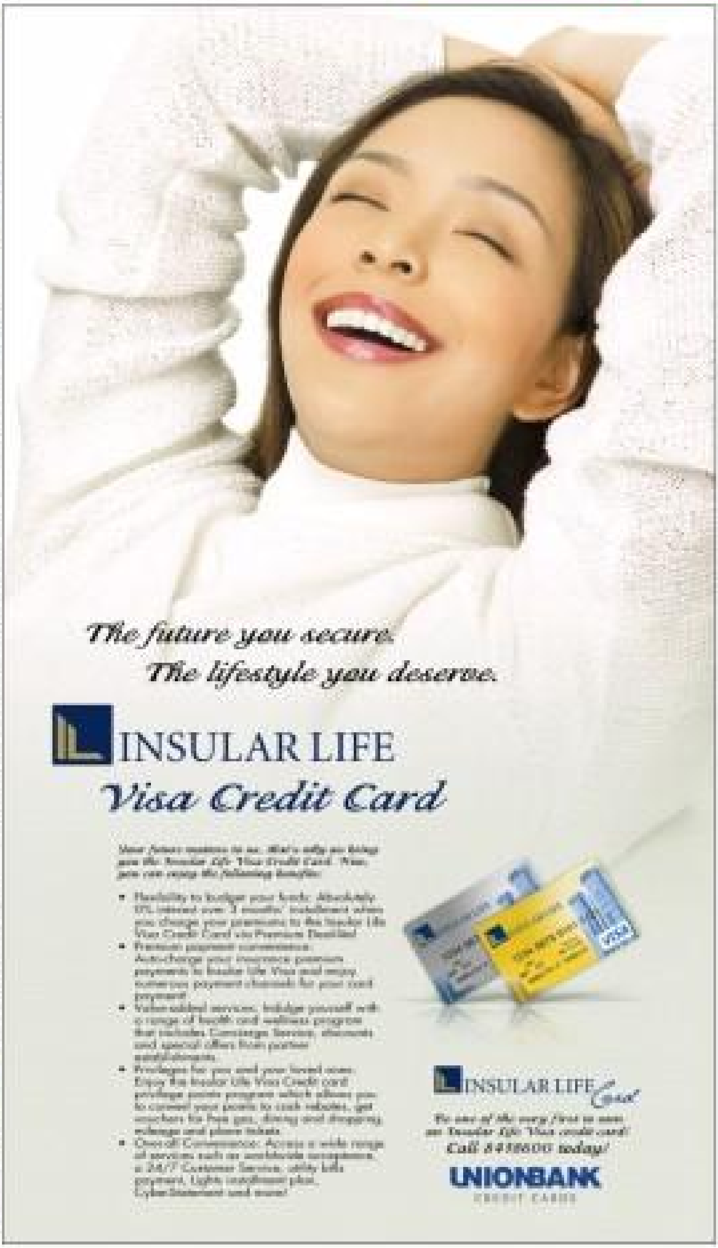
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How can this film be an instrument for change?

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WASHINGTON and Winfrey with the author (center).

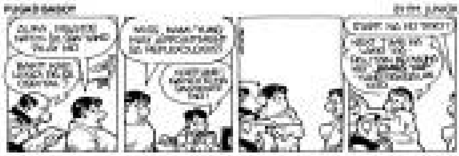




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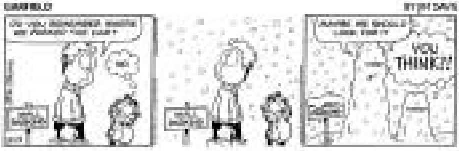


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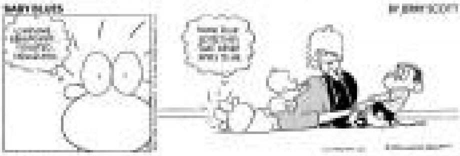
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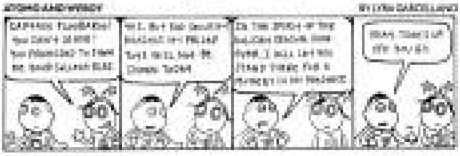
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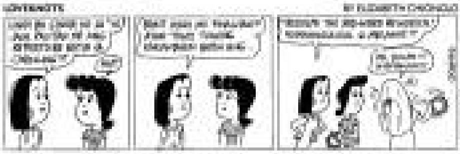


BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT





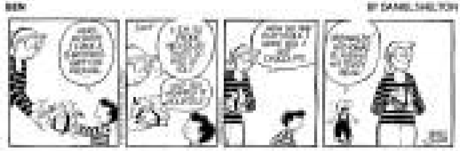


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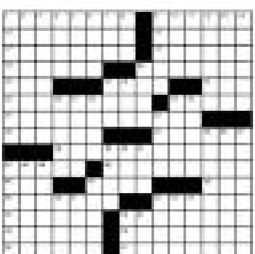


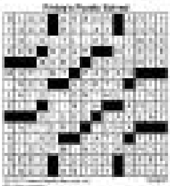
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BY DANIEL SHELTON



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CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

Oprah Winfrey planning film version of stage musical. . .



"THE GREAT DEBATERS."



WHITAKER (WITH WASHINGTON, RIGHT).

Greatest competitor

Open mind

Voice



"CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON."

Hollywood financiers focus lens on Asian movies



Fast growth

Ticket sales

Distribution rights

Top luminaries in new starrers

By Nestor U. Torre

KEANU REEVES TOPBILLS "THE Day the Earth Stood Still," a remake of the 1951 sci-fi classic about an alien and his robot who come to earth in a saucer-shaped spacecraft.

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Perfect disguise

For his part, Eddie Murphy has come up with something of a kooky companion piece, "Starship Dave," [illegible]

Tom Cruise heads an international cast in "Valkyrie" as an aristocratic German officer who leads an attempt to bring down the Nazi regime and end the war by planting a bomb in Hitler's bunker. [illegible]

In "National Treasure: Book of Secrets," Nicolas Cage plays a historian and archaeologist who sets out to prove the innocence of his great-great grandfather, [illegible] conspirator in the death of Abraham Lincoln when a missing page from the diary of John Wilkes Booth surfaces.



KHOLL is "always a bridesmaid, never a bride" in the rom-com, "27 Dresses."



CAGE: Reprises role in "National Treasure: Book of Secrets."

Ben Affleck directs younger brother Casey in "Gone Baby Gone," a critically acclaimed thriller about two private detectives hunting for a 4-year-old girl in Boston's underworld.

On his own, Casey Affleck goes toe to toe with Brad Pitt in "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford," where he plays the plum role of the notorious outlaw's killer.



BEN and Casey Affleck collaborate on acclaimed thriller, "Gone Baby Gone," as director and star, respectively.

Acclaimed

Keira Knightley's new film is similarly acclaimed—"Atonement," from the makers of "Pride and Prejudice." The period drama is a classic British romance that spans several decades—but, with an edgy twist thrown in for good measure.

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Strangers

"What Happens in Vegas" is a romantic comedy starring Cameron Diaz and Ashton Kutcher as two strangers who indulge in a night of debauchery in Sin City—and wake up the next morning to discover to their horror that—they've gotten married!

To spice up the plot even more, they also learn that one of them has won a huge jackpot after playing the other's quarter!

Will Smith plays "the last man in the world" (after a manmade viral attack on the planet) in "I Am Legend."

The beautiful and talented Katherine Heigl plays the "always a bridesmaid, never a bride" female lead in the breezy romantic comedy, "27 Dresses." Her problem is, she falls in love with her sister's fiance [illegible]

Finally, Jerry Seinfeld makes his show biz comeback as the voice of Barry B. Benson, the lead character in the hit animated feature, "Bee Movie," which he also executive produced.



SMITH: Plays "the last man in the world" in sci-fi actioner, "I Am Legend."



Mau Marcelo competes on 'Asian Idol'

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5\. Participating countries and their respective contestants and keywords:

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Singapore: [illegible] = SIN
Malaysia: [illegible] = MAL
India: [illegible] = INDIA

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SATURDAY*Special*



Tribute to FPJ evinces his love *for* craft and audience



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By [illegible]

LAST SUNDAY NIGHT, WE stayed up beyond our bedtime to catch Channel 2's FPJ special, which culminated in the music video which the late movie king and presidential candidate personally worked on before his untimely demise.

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Luminous recollections

[illegible]

Extended music video

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Scenarios

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Ronnie del Carmen has high hopes for local animators



DEL CARMEN: Led Pixar's team of story artists in "Finding Nemo."

Visuals

Tarantino's homage to B-movies is a guilty pleasure



Fast cars

Serial killer

Ronnie del Carmen . . .

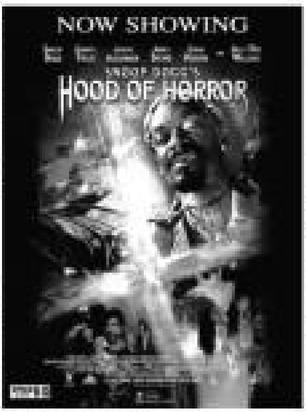
Collaborative atmosphere

Comic book

What Eddie Boy . . .

Wish





YULETIDE STORY FOR YOUNG READERS

What Eddie Boy really wants for Christmas



Husband and wife

Big picture

Something special

Basket

Cost

Bakery